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composition comprising a dye fixing agent and from about 2% to about 90% by weight of a

as being anticipated by Baker et al., WO 93/40660. Applicants respectfully request that the Board find that the prior art does not anticipate the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and are patentable over Baker et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 14, 19, 20, and 22-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker et al.. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As discussed previously, Baker et al. does not teach or suggest a colour care composition comprising a dye fixing agent and from about 2% to about 90% by weight of a divalent salt. Applicants thus submit that Claims 14, 19, 20, and 24 are not anticipated by and are patentable over Baker et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration

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